

## The Bloomfield Citizen.

## WATSESSING AND FRANKLIN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

Watseessing.  
Read Wm. Ashworth's advertisement in the book's issue.

The heavy frost of Monday night checked the growth of Officer Foster's big pumpkins.

The price of Lehigh coal has advanced to \$1.00 per ton, and there is likely to be a further advance.

A horse belonging to the N. J. Chemical Company stuck in the mud on North street, Monday.

Wm. Cook has sold a 30 foot lot of the Bloomfield property on Myrtle street, to Mr. Wm. Bosker, Sr.

Tom and Valentine Gebhardt captured a nest of squirrels in the woods near Eagle Rock, last Friday.

James Mc-Laren arrived home from Scotland on Sunday. He was defeated in a fight with Andrew Hunter, the Scotch champion.

The D. L. & W. Railroad Company are making extensive alterations in their depot. A new and more commodious office is being built for the ticket agent.

A social gathering was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hardman, Myrtle street, on Tuesday evening. Guests from the Ridge, Bloomfield and Orange were present.

Mr. William Bowker, Jr., and Miss Emma Longshaw were married on Wednesday evening the 12th inst., at the Watseessing M. E. church. Rev. J. H. Egbert performed the ceremony.

The fishing rod has been laid aside, and the gun taken up. It is always easier to tell a good shooting story than a fishing one. Some great shots will doubtless be made by the sportsmen who frequent the Active House House.

The late yachting contest was the subject of a spirited debate Tuesday evening, between Messrs. W. Ellor and John Woodson for the Volunteer, and W. Birchmont and Charles Sayers for the Thistle. The contestants agreed to utterly disregard all parliamentary conventions, and the debate was entered into with zealous earnestness and afforded interesting entertainment for the audience. No satisfactory result with regard to the points at issue was arrived at. It is expected the subject will be again taken up at some future date. It has been suggested that an admission fee be charged.

When the D. L. & W. R. started running an express train from Montclair and Bloomfield, entirely ignoring this place, indignation ran high among the citizens at this apparent reflection upon their social standing. It was regarded as a discrimination between the workingman and the nabobs. The company, doubtless realizing the injustice done to the residents of this vicinity, has been striving by means of various cunning devices, to win back the hearts of the people, and wipe out the long cherished animus. The new clock in the depot, the placing of a lamp on the east side of the building, then on the north end, and finally another on the south end, has had the effect of working a transformation in the minds of the people, towards a hitherto much abused corporation.

Rev. J. H. Egbert and Mr. Francis Law took a trip to Schooley Mountains last week. They put up at a quaint little settlement in the mountains appropriately named Tranquility. The woodland region surrounding this quiet nook abounds in squirrels. The two visiting nincompoops under the influence of spring chicken and pumpkin pie, became possessed with a desire to disturb the tranquil happiness of the spry little creatures. Equipped with guns and ammunition they marched forth to work destruction among the agile nut crackers. Mr. Law in his account of the hunt says that they were very successful. Rev. Mr. Egbert only missed one shot and he himself was equally fortunate. The inference to be drawn from his statement is that they both fired at the same squirrel, and only one shot apiece was fired during the hunt. The squirrels no longer derived much benefit from being exterminated, as it is preventative of laziness.

Franklin District.  
The East Orange Township Committee held a regular meeting Monday evening, at the residence of Chairman Thompson presiding and all the members present, and transacted a large amount of interesting and important business. Four months ago the Fire Committee were given authority to contract with Pearce & Jones, of New York, for the introduction of their system of fire alarm. Last evening, the committee reported that at that time they had, with Park Benjamin of New York, as expert, made a comparative examination of several systems, and now recommended the Gamewell system. The company proposed to put up twenty-six boxes, a striker at the bell tower, a whistle at the disposal works, and in each house house and in the houses of the Chief and Assistant Engineers and truck fireman, put up poles, wires and the plant in complete working order for an amount not to exceed \$6,000. The company would also operate the system free of charge for six months, and keep it in repair for two years. The committee were authorized to make the contract.

Mr. Eppey of the Cross Town Street Railway, was given the floor to outline his plans for the proposed Bloomfield extension of the road. It would be necessary for his company, when filling an amended certificate of incorporation, to deposit \$25,000 a mile for their road. They did not want to go ahead until they had some expression of opinion from the committee as to whether the company would be permitted to run their tracks through Dodd and Prospect streets. They had secured the consent of the owners of the property along the proposed line, and the Bloomfield citizens were much in favor of it. A general discussion was had, during which all but two of the members expressed the opinion that the road would be a benefit to the town. This satisfied Mr. Eppey, and he said he would go ahead with the corporation.

The Special Committee appointed to

consider the petition of the Edison Illumination Company for a franchise, reported that they had spent an evening at Mr. Edison's house discussing the matter, but they asked further time. It was granted. The Fire Committee were authorized to purchase a lot in the Third ward, at an expense not exceeding \$500, and to erect a temporary house thereon for Elmwood Hose Company, No. 5, at a cost of \$310. William Keys and Peter Webber, new members of Franklin Hose No. 3, were added to the fire department roll.

Mr. Lane called the attention of the members to the fact that a house was being moved in Prospect street by George Robinson without authority, and that it had now blocked the street for two weeks. Joseph C. Munn, Ira Taylor and John Coyne were appointed commissioners in the opening of Carleton street.

Henry L. Yost, the architect of Montclair, has drawn plans for a large two-story double house for John P. Scherff to be located on Linden avenue.

Willard Richards, one of the Town Committee, started yesterday for Sonora, Mexico, to look after the interests of a copper mine for several stockholders in Bloomfield. Mr. Richards intends to be gone until January.

## A Great Furniture House.

The many pedestrians who daily stop at 73 Market street to gaze into the magnificent show windows and admire the exquisite workmanship and richness of the furniture they contain, scarcely imagine that the establishment covers an area of 40,000 square feet, and requires the services of twenty-five employees and four wagons constantly to meet the demands of its business. Four stories and a basement packed with every article of household furniture, a commodious store-house, stables, factory and shipping-house, make up the business establishment of Amos H. Van Horn.

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## State Items.

James J. Sweeney was arraigned in the Quarter Sessions this morning to plead to and indictment charging him with manslaughter, in causing the death of Fireman Henry Whitham in an accident on the Greenwood Lake Railroad at Upper Montclair on June 17. Sweeney pleaded not guilty and was held for trial in the sum of \$1,500.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4 per cent., payable October 28th. It is reported that the profits of the company for the year ending October 1st are equal to about 11 upon the stock.

Passage is considering the advisability of abolishing the Volunteer Fire Department and substituting a paid one. The expense would be about the same as now, it is thought, and the management of the firemen by the city would be much easier, the authorities having recently experienced some of the difficulties occasionally encountered with a volunteer organization. It is estimated that fourteen men, two engines and a truck would be sufficient for the needs of the city.

The Orange police are looking sharply after those saloon keepers who are violating the ordinances either by selling without a license or selling on Sunday. The good effect of this action of the police is markedly noticeable. Sunday in Orange is now a quiet day, and the number of drunken men on the streets is a very small one. Marshal McChesney is determined to continue the warfare as long as there is a single violation of law, and in this has the hearty support of all good citizens.

It is understood that the effort to reduce the legal rate of interest in New Jersey from 6 to 5 per cent. is to be renewed at the coming session of the Legislature. For eight years past a bill of this character has made its appearance at Trenton, and of late it has been classed in the disreputable catalogue of "punch legislation." In the upper agricultural counties the 5 per cent. reduction is made an issue in the legislative contest, the farmers strongly demanding it. Several times the bill has passed the Lower House but it always falls in the Senate. Corporation and banking influences have been strong enough to defeat it in that body. The farmers are large borrowers from the banks, and hence their desire to reduce the legal rate.

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